



Timely Tidbits ...

TLP Takes Annual Summer Break

Yep, it's that time again – time for the small but hard-working staff of "the little paper" to skip an issue and catch up on some summer R&R. We'll see you again on July 25.

Free Lunch Programs

From 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. each weekday through July 25, Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road) will be serving free, nutritious meals to ALL children (ages 17 and under) who come to the school during that time period. No application, ID, or proof of income is required for this program, which is offered through the Romulus Community Schools.

Adults (age 18 and older) can purchase a meal for just \$3.

Through a separate program administered by the City of Romulus until July 31, free lunches will be served to children Monday through Thursday while supplies last at Cory Elementary (35200 Smith Road) from 12:05 to 2 p.m., Halecreek Elementary (16200 Harrison Road) from 12:30 to 2 p.m., and Romulus Elementary (32200 Beverly Road) from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Taylor Center Reunion

Taylor Center High School alumni from the classes of 1989–1992 are organizing a reunion to be held at the MotorCity Hotel and Casino in downtown Detroit on Saturday, September 27, at 7 p.m.

To purchase tickets (\$75 each), mail your check or money order (payable to Tammy Kirk) to 13150 Torrey Pines Court, Taylor, MI 48180. Tickets are also available through PayPal (\$77.50 each). Use the e-mail address taylor.center@yahoo.com. Prices will increase as the event date nears.

For further information, visit www.tayloralumni.org.

Last Day To Register

Residents who would like to take part in the August 5 State Primary Election, but are not yet registered to vote, must sign up by Monday, July 7. For further information, contact your local clerk's office or visit the Michigan Secretary of State Web site: www.michigan.gov/sos. □

Romulus Hurdler Landria Buckley Invited to Olympic Trials



Landria Buckley will compete in the 100m hurdles at the Track & Field Olympic Trials in Eugene, Oregon. photo courtesy of Howard University

By Kristi Stephens

Making the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team would be a dream come true for Landria Buckley – and the Romulus native will have an opportunity to do just that when she competes in the Track & Field Trials, to be held June 27 through July 6 in Eugene, Oregon.

"I just feel really blessed," said Buckley of her invitation to the trials. "I plan to run hard and, hopefully, go to Beijing."

A rising junior at Washington, D.C.'s Howard University, Buckley has enjoyed great success as a member of the Bison track team. Last year, she placed second in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference women's 100m hurdles – a feat she repeated again this year, along with winning the women's 400m hurdles. Her MEAC performance sent her to the NCAA East Regional Championships, where she finished tenth in the 400m hurdles and qualified for Nationals in the 100m hurdles by coming in fourth with a personal-best time of 13.24 seconds.

A ninth-place overall finish in the NCAA Nationals 100m hurdles, with a time of 13.50 seconds, earned Buckley All-American honors.

Michael Merritt, head coach of Howard University's cross country and track & field programs, is proud of Buckley's success.

"She's been working hard all year, and it has really paid off," said Merritt. "With each meet, she has excelled at a higher level."

Buckley's success and work ethic are probably no surprise to Wade Cook, her former coach at Romulus High School, either. Under his guidance, Buckley earned a number of honors, including a second-place finish at state and an All-American designation during her junior year.

Although Buckley's schedule features hours of grueling workouts, practices, and competition, the English major works equally hard on her studies in preparation for a career as a writer. The daughter of Landress Buckley and Priscilla Jordan hopes to publish works of nonfiction in the future.

According to the USA Track & Field Web site, the qualifying rounds for the women's 100m hurdles are scheduled to begin Saturday, July 5, at 11 a.m. For more information, visit www.usatf.org. □

Timely Tidbit: Buckley's fellow RHS and Howard University alumnus, Daniel Kinney, made it as far as the NCAA Regionals, where he finished 14th in the men's 110m hurdles and 34th in the 400m hurdles this year.

Romulus Leaders Stunned by Defeat of Casino Legislation

By Kristi Stephens

Legislation that would have cleared the way for an Indian casino in Romulus was soundly defeated (298–121) in the U.S. House of Representatives on June 25.

Following a heated debate that divided Michigan's two most powerful Democratic congressmen, John Dingell and John Conyers, the House rejected a land settlement claim that would have given the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians land in Romulus in return for land that the State of Michigan took into trust for the tribe, but then illegally sold, more than a century ago.

In a statement issued by Aaron Payment, chairperson of the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa, he expressed his disappointment in the House vote, which "would have ended a sad chapter in Michigan's history," but he promised to "continue to fight to resolve this illegal land taking and bring thousands of much-needed jobs to our state."

Congressman Dingell, whose district includes the City of Romulus, was also strongly disappointed.

"At a time when our country is trying to create opportunities for those who want to work, the House rejected a bill that would have provided 7,000 Michigan resi-

dents with good-paying jobs," Dingell said in a statement issued Wednesday afternoon. "In a dark corner of a Maryland prison, Jack Abramoff [a former lobbyist who pled guilty to conspiracy, fraud, and tax evasion] is smiling right now. This was his battle and while he wasn't around to finish it, a new batch of lobbyists relied on his tactics to squelch the voices of the people of Michigan."

"Meanwhile in Nevada, there are billion-dollar gaming interests pouring champagne and toasting the rascals who led this effort," Dingell continued. "Their dollars drowned out the wishes of my constituents, the opportunity for 7,000 new jobs and the need to settle a legitimate long-standing land claim in Michigan."

Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert, who has fought for a casino ever since his city's voters approved gambling in 2003, said he was disgusted by the House decision.

"This vote wasn't about what was best for our residents and our economy, and it wasn't about justice for Michigan's Indian tribes."

"It was pure politics, and it makes me sick."

Among those criticized by Lambert was Congressman Conyers of Detroit, who, in Lambert's view, opposed the legislation to protect his city's casinos from competition.

Calls to Congressman Conyers' office had not been returned at press time.

Other opponents of the so-called land swap asserted a number of arguments to support their position. They believe that:

- Since Romulus is hundreds of miles from the disputed tracts, which are located in the Charlotte Beach area of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the agreement would amount to an "unprecedented expansion of off-reservation gambling."
- With more casinos than state universities already operating in Michigan, the casino market is currently "saturated."
- The jobs and tax benefits gained from gambling are outweighed by detrimental factors such as increased crime.

When asked if the House vote had effectively eliminated any chance of getting an Indian casino in Romulus, Mayor Lambert said he would be talking to other elected officials, tribal members, and attorneys in the next few weeks to examine all possible options, including taking the issue to court.

"We're not giving up on this," he stated. "It means too much to the people of our community, who are desperate for the jobs and economic growth that a casino would bring to Romulus." □

Taylor Summer Fest Set for July 10-13

The 2008 Meijer Taylor Summer Festival is scheduled for Thursday, July 10, through Sunday, July 13, at Heritage Park (12111 Pardee Road). The festival will feature four days of carnival rides, games, special events, entertainment, food and beverages, and fun for the whole family.

Fireworks

Highlights of the festival include the Masco Fireworks, which will begin at dusk on Friday. According to City of Taylor spokespersons, an estimated 100,000 people visit the park and surrounding area on fireworks night, when the crowd gets so large that Pardee Road, between Goddard and Northline roads, is closed at about 6 p.m.

Fireworks music will be simulcast on radio station 106.7-FM, The Fox.

Concerts

Two days of great concerts, featuring big-name acts, are planned for Friday and Saturday.

Country superstar Terri Clark will perform at 8:45 p.m. Friday, leading into the fireworks. Preceding her at 7 p.m. will be Westland native Josh Gracin of *American Idol* fame. Other acts performing Friday will be Taylor teenager Lynnae Winnie (3:45 p.m.) and Justine Blazer, another Wayne County favorite (5:15 p.m.). Admission is free to all Friday concerts.

Country legend Charlie Daniels and his band will be the main event on stage on Saturday, starting at 8:30 p.m. Also performing that day are Red Hill at 4:15 p.m., Emily West at 5 p.m., and Confederate Railroad at 6:30 p.m. All-day tickets to Saturday's concerts are \$10 in advance at the Meijer stores in Taylor, Allen Park, Lincoln Park, Southgate, and Woodhaven, as well as at www.ticketmaster.com and all Ticket-Master outlets.

No bottles, cans or coolers will be permitted in the concert area.

Special Attractions

There are many other special attractions throughout the festival:

- The Rollie Hopgood Midtown Taylor 5K Run and Walk will travel through the streets of Taylor and the trails of Heritage Park starting at 9 a.m. Saturday. A kids' Tadpole Run around Coan Lake in the park will begin at 8:15 a.m., and a free, one-mile Fun Run will start at 8:30 a.m. For information on the 5K, visit www.everalracemgt.com.
- A great lineup of Family Day activities is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, when Oakwood Heritage Hospital and Radio Disney will sponsor games, music, and prizes in front of the Heritage Park Activity Building. Events will include a toddler race at 10 a.m., a three-legged race at 10:30 a.m., an egg-and-spoon race at 11 a.m., Jell-O-eating and pie-eating contests at 11:45 a.m., a water-balloon toss at 12:30 p.m., and a performance by Radio Disney D from 1 to 2 p.m. Other participants will be Flutterby Faces (face painting), Willie T. Clown, Skore Lanes, and Downriver

Igniting Youth Coalition. Oakwood Heritage Hospital will provide a car seat safety booth, blood pressure checks, and sports medicine educational challenges for children.

- During Family Day and the 5K Run/Walk, enjoy brunch at a special price served by Pete's Place just outside the Heritage Park Activity Building.
- The annual Taylor Rotary Fishing Derby is set for 8 a.m. Sunday in Heritage Park. The derby is limited to 100 children, ages 5 to 12, who will compete for prizes. The entry fee – just \$1 – includes a T-shirt and refreshments.
- The Vegas Room in the Heritage Park Activity Building will benefit the Junior League World Series of baseball. The World Series, which attracts teams to Taylor from around the world, is scheduled for August 10-16 at Heritage Park.
- Presale pay-one-price vouchers for carnival rides are available for \$14 through July 9 at the five Downriver Meijer stores cited earlier.
- The Meijer Mobile Virtual Playground will be open to the public throughout the festival. The playground is a fully staffed mobile event unit that features an on-site HP photo creations area, Nintendo Wii gaming, Meijer.com kiosks for virtual shopping, and Meijer Brand product sampling and demonstrations.
- Shire Pharmaceuticals will distribute bottles of water, key chains, compasses, and brochures on attention deficit and hyperactivity disorders. Festival visitors can be screened for ADHD and ask questions about the disorder.
- The Fox, 106.7-FM, will broadcast live from Heritage Park on Friday from 1 p.m. to midnight and on Saturday from noon to 10 p.m.

Parking

For on-site parking, visitors are asked to use only the Northline Road entrance to the park. On Thursday and Sunday, there will be free on-site parking. On Friday, on-site parking will be free to Taylor residents, \$5 for nonresidents, and \$10 for recreational vehicles. On Saturday, on-site parking will be \$5 for all vehicles.

Since parking often fills up quickly, the festival suggests the following off-site parking locations. On Friday and Saturday, festival-goers can park for \$5 at Wayne County Community College District on Northline Road or at a lot at Northline and Racho roads. Free parking and shuttle service will be provided at the Taylor Meijer store at Pardee and Eureka roads.

The Success of the Festival

The festival is coordinated by the City of Taylor Department of Parks and Recreation, which relies on sponsorships from community businesses. Major sponsors include Meijer, Masco, Fritz Enterprises Inc., National City Bank, Taylor Ford, and Oakwood Heritage Hospital.

For information, call 734-374-3906 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, or visit www.cityoftaylor.com. □



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Credit Union Awards Scholarships

Attending an awards ceremony for the Public Service Credit Union scholarship recipients were: (from left) Nora Sharpley, PSCU Board of Directors and Scholarship Committee member; Melvin Walker, recipient; Laura Saches, PSCU Branch Manager; Ronald Jones, recipient; Gena Taylor, recipient; Linda Wallace, PSCU VP of Operations; Shanelle Covington, recipient; Brandon Keeler, recipient; Dean Trudeau, PSCU President and CEO; Gailbrielle Bryant, recipient; Daja Covington, recipient; Latricia Grier, PSCU Branch Leader and Scholarship Committee member; Matthew Proffitt, recipient; Alexander Brown, recipient; Angelo Fanaras, PSCU VP of Information Technology; and Jonathan D. Gallimore, PSCU Board of Directors Chairman.

Ten students, who were also members of Public Service Credit Union, each have been awarded a \$1,000 Higher Education Scholarship by PSCU. An awards ceremony held earlier this month at the credit union's main branch in Romulus honored the nine recipients who attended. Family and friends, as well as members of the scholarship committee, PSCU executive staff, and PSCU board of directors, also attended the event.

The winners were:

- Alexander Stephen Brown of Belleville (who will be attending New York University in the fall);
- Gailbrielle Bryant of Detroit (Harvard University);
- Daija Covington of Detroit (University of Michigan);
- Shanelle Covington of Farmington Hills (University of Michigan);
- (not pictured above) Tia Hall of Romulus (Central Michigan University);
- Reginald LeRoy Jones of Detroit (Grand Valley State University);
- Brandon Keeler of Detroit (Yale University);
- Matthew Proffitt of New Boston (Western Michigan University);

- Gena Taylor of Detroit (Kalamazoo College); and
- Melvin J. Walker of Detroit (Wayne County Community College District).

The committee received over 50 applications from the PSCU membership, and chose winners based on a combination of academic record, volunteer service, recommendations, and a personal essay. Applicants were not just high school seniors, but also nontraditional students pursuing a higher education.

"All the winners demonstrated a strong commitment to their educational goals, but also demonstrated strength of character and a commitment to community - all values that credit unions advocate," said Dean Trudeau, President and CEO of Public Service Credit Union, "In fact, all the applicants were excellent; these ten just seemed to rise to the top." □

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"One Brick at a Time" Benefits Two Groups

The Taylor Conservatory Foundation, which began its successful "One Brick At A Time" engraved brick paver program in 2006, is partnering with The Arbor Hospice Foundation to launch an expanded paver campaign called "Walk With Us." The new program will provide Downriver families who have benefited from hospice care with an opportunity to place an engraved brick in the commemorative entranceway at the Conservatory and Botanical Gardens (Northline and Pardee roads) to remember a family member or loved one, or to honor a special person, organization or event in an inspirational location.

Purchase of a "Walk With Us" brick will benefit both foundations.

"Since the Taylor Conservatory and

Arbor Hospice have the shared value of celebrating life's journey by providing inspiration, education, and peace to community members, this is a natural partnership," said Patty Donahue, Executive Director of the Taylor Conservatory Foundation.

"People instinctively turn to nature for inspiration, solace, guidance and regeneration," added Dawn Magretta, Executive Director of The Arbor Hospice Foundation. "Especially for those grieving their loved ones, nature can be restorative and healing."

To order a "Walk With Us" brick, call Arbor Hospice Foundation (734-794-5152) or visit www.arborhospice.org. To order a "One Step At A Time" brick, call the Taylor Conservatory Foundation (888-383-4108) or visit www.taylorconservatory.org. □

Students Enjoy Hair-raising Experience

On May 28, Community High School in Romulus participated in a very special benefit that was not just an opportunity to raise money for an organization, but something more personal: hair.

Students, staff, and community members came together that day to participate in a "hair raiser" for a very deserving organization called Children with Hairloss, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded by Regina Villemure to provide free hair replacements to children who have lost their locks due to cancer treatments, alopecia, and other medical conditions.

The event was planned by CHS science teacher Karen Powell, who, when her sister began battling breast cancer a few years back, decided to grow her own hair to donate to others. She chose Children with Hairloss because the organization had aided a former co-worker's daughter and Romulus student, Shannon Spicer, during her battle with leukemia.

Powell decided to see if she could motivate her students to participate in the cause, too.

"I felt this was a wonderful opportunity to get students involved in giving back, and to show them the power of selfless acts of kindness," Powell said.

The day was filled with lots of emotion and good times. Four stylists provided professional haircuts, a licensed massage therapist provided chair massages for relaxation, and two students gave manicures. Both Villemure and Spicer came and spent the day with everyone, making it even more special. Their presence really brought home the importance of giving to others, and how much it means to those who receive the donations.

Spicer expressed her gratitude by thanking everyone and telling them, "Even though these are just haircuts to all of you, it means more than you know to the kids that are going to get wigs from them."

At the end of the day, 20 participants came and donated hair for a total of just over 18 feet. Powell and her students also held many bake and doughnut sales throughout the past few months to raise \$650 in cash. According to Villemure, the money raised will be enough to cover one child's complete hair replacement costs.

"The day turned out to be more successful than I had ever imagined," said Powell. "I am touched by the generosity of everyone who came and participated today."

For info on Children with Hairloss, visit www.childrenwithhairloss.us. □



Each donating 8 to 16 inches of their beautiful tresses to Children with Hairloss were Community High School science teacher Karen Powell (center) and students (from left) Shelby Green, Megan Lawrence, Angela Hopkins, and Juanita Catalano.

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Brownstown Township

Aquatics Program

The Brownstown Department of Parks and Recreation has joined with the Gibraltar School District to offer a Summer Aquatics Program at Carlson High School (20550 West Jefferson, Gibraltar).

Open swimming will be offered from 5 to 7 p.m. each Monday and Wednesday through August 13 for \$2 per person or \$5 per family.

Group swim lessons for various skill levels will be offered each Monday through Thursday from July 7 through July 24 (Session II) and again from July 28 through August 13 (Session III) according to the following schedule.

- "Group A" (ages 3-7; for swimmers who are hesitant about entering the water) - 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- "Group B" (ages 4-8; for swimmers who are comfortable in the pool and ready to start learning *basic* freestyle and backstroke) - 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- "Group C" (ages 5-9; for swimmers who are competent in freestyle and backstroke, and are ready to refine existing skills and learn additional strokes) - 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- "Novice Group" (ages 5-13; for those familiar with swimming, but who need guidance in learning additional strokes and building endurance) - 10 to 11 a.m.
- "Junior/Senior Group" (ages 10-18; for swimmers with competitive swimming backgrounds) - 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Cost for all group lessons is \$60 per session. Preregister at the Brownstown Recreation Office (21311 Telegraph Road).

For information, call 734-675-0920.

New Boston

Nursery Accepting Applications for Fall

Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery (St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig Street) is now accepting applications for ages 30 months to 5 years.

The school's curriculum promotes social development and kindergarten readiness through activities such as art, music, exercise, field trips, and much more.

There is also a tots program for ages 18 months to 2 years.

Because parents help run the nonprofit, nondiscriminatory organization, spokespersons say tuition costs are very reasonable.

Call the school (734-753-5978) or Teresa (734-262-4523) for information.

Church Welcomes New Faces

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (19109 Craig Street) invites the public to the following weekly services/programs.

- Adult Bible Class (Sundays at 9 a.m.; Wednesdays at 10 a.m.)
- Sunday School (9 a.m.)
- Sunday Worship (10 a.m.; deaf-interpretation service on the second Sunday of each month)
- Wednesday Worship (7 p.m.)

For information, call 734-753-9048.

Romulus

Youth Summer Reading Underway

Registration continues for the Youth Summer Reading Program at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road).

Upcoming special events include "Bugs for Lunch" (Wednesday, July 2), "MSU Bug House" (Tuesday, July 8), a visit with famous auto racer Audrey Zavodsky (Wednesday, July 16), and a puppet show (Tuesday, July 22). All programs are at 1 p.m.

For details, pick up a flyer at the library or call 734-942-7589.

Summer Story Time

Children ages 3 to 5 are invited to attend the Summer Story Time program at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road), which met for the first time earlier this week.

Parents may choose between the morning session (10:30 a.m. Wednesdays through July 30) or the evening session (6:30 p.m. Tuesdays through July 29).

Although the program is free, preregistration is required.

Free Outdoor Concert/Movie Series

A series of free Friday concerts and Saturday movies will continue at Romulus Historic Park (Hunt Street near the post office downtown) in the coming weeks.

On June 27, Romulus area church choirs will perform from 7 to 8:30 p.m.; June 28's movie (*Ratatouille*) will begin at

9:30 p.m. July 11's concert - again, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. - will feature "The 6-Foot Poles" (a classic rock band), while the July 12 movie (9:30 p.m.) will be *National Treasure II*.

Bring your blankets and chairs for these family-fun events. "Inflatables" and concessions will be available.

For information, call 734-941-8665.

Scrapbooking Adventures

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation's next Scrapbooking Adventure programs - open to ages 16 and up - will be held at 11189 Shook Road from 12 to 9 p.m. on June 28.

Other upcoming dates include July 26, August 23, and September 27.

Preregister at the Romulus Athletic Center (35765 Northline Road) by June 27. A cost of \$20 per event covers at least three feet of crop space; dinner, snacks, and water; and a door-prize drawing. Scrapbooking supplies will be available for purchase from a vendor. Space is limited to the first 12 registrants.

For information, call 734-941-8665.

Youth Group Swim Night

The Romulus Athletic Center (35765 Northline Road) will hold Youth Group Swim Night events from 9 p.m. to midnight on Friday, July 11, and Friday, August 8.

Cost is \$8 per person.

For information, call 734-942-2223.

Second Monday Book Club

Meetings of the Second Monday Book Club - open to everyone 18 and older - are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Advance registration is not required for this free program; just read the suggested book, then drop in and enjoy the discussion and refreshments.

Books planned for discussion include:

- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle (July 14),

- *Pontoon: A Lake Wobegon Novel* by Garrison Keillor (August 11), and
- *At Home in Mitford* by Jan Karon (September 8).

For information, call 734-942-7589.

Historical Society Meets

The next meeting of the Romulus Historical Society will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, at the Romulus Historical Museum (11120 Hunt Street). The public is welcome.

For information, call 734-697-9628.

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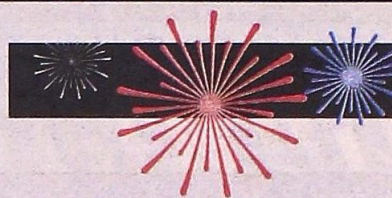
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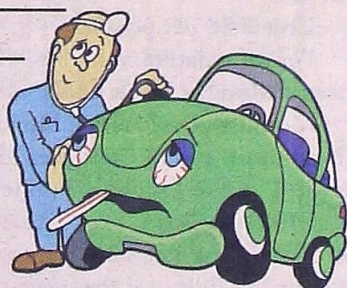
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The Senior Honors Convocation held May 21 at Harry S. Truman High School in Taylor recognized Class of 2008 members with outstanding achievements in academics, vocational subjects, music, and athletics.

Among the honorees were:

- Kayla Alchin – 3.226 (CL; health sciences – nursing; NTHS)
- Anthony Arnold – 3.472 (CL; H7; 4Y; band)
- Kayla Aue – 3.333 (CL; 1Y; band, drama, English, and newspaper)
- Destiny Avant – 3.204 (CL; French)
- Andrew Bennett (band)
- Travis Bennett (social studies)
- Kayla Bergley – 3.609 (MCL; 4Y; chorus, drama, English, science, and social studies; NHS)
- Nikolas Bogoevski – 3.247 (CL)
- Joseph Bolla – 3.096 (CL; science)
- Christopher Borne – 3.152 (CL)
- Kayla Bourassa (JROTC)
- Tera Braden (band)
- Ashley Bragg – 3.395 (CL; H7; 4Y; band and drama; NHS)
- Bryan Brennan (band)
- Chelsey Brewer – 3.238 (CL; Spanish)
- Samantha Buckley – 3.107 (CL; English and newspaper)
- Corbin Burgess (band)
- Steven Burgett – 3.678 (MCL; H7; 4Y; English, social studies, and Spanish; NHS)
- Michael Burt (JROTC)
- Kenneth Buzo – 3.310 (CL; English)
- Brittany Caldwell – 3.464 (CL; 4Y; social studies)
- Angel Campbell (JROTC)
- Trisha Campbell (art)
- Kathleen Carbone – 3.926 (SCL; H7; 4Y; English, French, and social studies; PEA; PBK; NHS; MCS)
- Anthony Carrion – 3.214 (CL; physical education)
- Arlie Caudill, Jr. – 3.286 (CL; band)
- Justin Chester (physical education)
- Joseph Ciarlino – 3.437 (CL; H7; 4Y)
- Denzel Claybrooks (physical education)
- Bethany Clemens (JROTC)
- Catherine Coleman – 3.510 (MCL; H7; 4Y; band; NHS)
- Samantha Cripe – 3.583 (MCL; H7; 4Y; English, science, and social studies; NHS)
- Kathrine Cross – 4.000 (co-valedictorian; SCL; H7; 4Y; English, mathematics, and social studies; PBK; NHS; MCS)
- Gabrielle Crozier – 3.632 (MCL; H7; 4Y; English and health sciences – dental; NHS; NTHS)
- Courtney Cuffe – 3.060 (CL; home economics and social studies)
- Maria Cusick – 3.868 (SCL; H7; 4Y; band, English, mathematics, and social studies; MCS)
- Michele Dare – 3.908 (SCL; H7; 4Y; band, English, mathematics, and social studies; NHS; MCS)
- Jessica Davidson – 3.467 (CL; 4Y; business and social studies)
- Jessica Davidson – 3.467 (CL; 4Y; business and social studies)
- Caleb Davis – 3.570 (MCL; H7; 4Y; band and English; PEA; MCS)
- Joshua Deneen – 3.369 (CL; 1Y; social studies)
- Benjamin DePriest (construction technology)
- Eric Donaldson (chorus)
- Deena Doty – 3.084 (CL; Spanish)
- Tanjanique Dye (construction technology)
- Nicole Earls – 3.933 (SCL; H7; 4Y; computer programming, English, and mathematics; PEA; NHS)
- Page Earls – 3.020 (CL; business)
- Courtney Embree – 3.369 (CL; 3Y; home economics and social studies)
- Frederick Evans (physical education)
- Samantha Ferguson – 3.822 (SCL; H7; 4Y; band, English, and science; PEA; NHS; MCS)
- Nicholas Fernandez – 3.334 (CL; H7; 3Y; social studies)
- Michael Fields – 3.082 (CL; business, JROTC, and physical education)
- Christopher Foce – 3.202 (CL; JROTC)
- Andrea Fontenot – 3.255 (CL)
- Amanda Frazier – 3.093 (CL; band)
- Robert French – 3.190 (CL; band)
- Tina Gardiner – 3.200 (CL; chorus)
- Megan Gardner – 3.666 (MCL; H7; 4Y; band, drama, English, and social studies; PEA; NHS)
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- Martell Hasley – 3.427 (CL; 4Y; English and physical education; NHS)
- David Haynes – 3.057 (CL; drama and physical education)
- Mark Hernandez (art)
- Anna Holbird – 3.264 (CL; business, English, and mathematics)
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- Nathanael Jones – 3.797 (SCL; H7; 4Y; English, French, mathematics, and social studies; NHS)
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- Arsh Kaur – 3.928 (SCL; H7; 4Y; English, science, and social studies; PEA; NHS; MCS)
- Kelley Kaweck – 3.151 (CL)
- Steven Kennedy – 3.448 (CL; 4Y; band and drama)
- Brittany Kerutis – 3.178 (CL; business and computer office specialist; NTHS)
- Charles Kessinger – 4.130 (co-valedictorian; SCL; H7; 4Y; drama, English, mathematics, science, and social studies; PEA; PBK; NHS)
- Calvin King (JROTC)
- Marcus Knott – 3.369 (CL; 3Y; mathematics and physical education)
- Desiree Koss – 3.358 (CL; chorus, drama, and mathematics)
- Brian Krimm (physical education)
- Jessica Labedz – 3.643 (MCL; H7; 4Y; English, health sciences – medical assistant, and social studies; NHS; NTHS; MCS)
- Cassandra Labo – 3.844 (SCL; H7; 4Y; band, English, and social studies; NHS; MCS)
- Robert Lafferty, Jr. – 3.190 (CL; JROTC)
- Sundra-Marie Lamar (business)
- Vanessa Lamay – 3.601 (MCL; H7; 4Y; English, French, physical education, and social studies; NHS)
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- Ashley Martin – 3.392 (CL; 4Y; social studies)
- Aaron Mascarello – 3.476 (CL; 1Y; drama, English, newspaper, physical education, and science)
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- Kristina O'Dell – 3.095 (CL; health sciences – medical office assistant; NTHS)
- Patrick O'Hern – 3.140 (CL; band, drama, and newspaper)
- Eric Olney (physical education)
- Alyse Orr (chorus)
- Mellisa Ostrega – 3.117 (CL)
- Christine Pascua (drama)
- Felicia Pattison – 3.387 (CL; 3Y; band and drama)
- Cory Peters – 3.593 (MCL; H7; 3Y; band, English, science, and social studies; NHS)
- Brendon Petrin (physical education)
- Kembra Pickel (drama and JROTC)
- Angela Pike – 3.334 (CL; 3Y; health sciences – medical assistant and newspaper)
- Amanda Polito – 3.215 (CL; English and health sciences – nursing; NTHS)
- Vincent Price – 3.191 (CL; social studies)
- Lendzie Reid (JROTC)
- Anthony Reyna (JROTC)
- Ashley Roberts (chorus)
- Mary Robey – 3.885 (SCL; H7; 4Y; band, drama, and English; NHS)
- Julia Sanders – 3.495 (CL; H7; 3Y; English and newspaper; NHS; MCS)
- Andrew Schultz – 3.000 (CL; physical education)
- Dominic Scalfani – 3.080 (CL; newspaper and social studies)
- Omar Sharp (physical education)
- Cory Shorter (chorus and drama)
- Krystal Sikes – 3.548 (MCL; 4Y; drama and English)
- Keonca Sims – 3.142 (CL; health sciences – nursing)
- Grace Slight (drama)
- Gabrielle Smith – 3.220 (CL; English and social studies)
- Grant Smith – 3.202 (CL; construction technology and physical education)
- Steven Smith (computers)
- Kristie Solak – 3.7025 (MCL; H7; 4Y; band, English, mathematics, science, and social studies)
- Brittany Sparagowski (chorus)
- Krysten Sparkman (chorus and drama)
- Loni Sparks – 3.656 (MCL; H7; 4Y; band and English; NHS)
- Samantha Stamper – 3.855 (SCL; H7; 4Y; art, band, English, and science; PEA; PBK; NHS; MCS)
- Dru Steeby – 3.817 (SCL; H7; 4Y; band, drama, mathematics, science, and social studies; NHS; MCS)
- Anthony Stetler – 3.405 (CL; 4Y; English and physical education)
- Patrick Stevens – 3.821 (SCL; H7; 4Y; English, science, and social studies; PEA; NHS; MCS)
- Devry Stigall (social studies)
- Britney Strother – 3.931 (SCL; H7; 4Y; business, English, mathematics, and social studies; NHS; MCS)

- Quinzel Sumler (art and physical education)
- Rebekah Swift – 3.637 (MCL; H7; 2Y; English and social studies; NHS)
- Frank Szydowski (band)
- Ashley Tata – 3.721 (MCL; H7; 4Y; business, computer office specialist, English, and social studies; NHS; NTHS)
- Terreance Tate – 3.230 (CL; chorus and science)
- Torrenzo Tatum (physical education)
- Samone Tensley – 3.875 (SCL; H7; 4Y; computer office specialist, English, mathematics, and social studies; NHS; NTHS)
- Jennifer Thompson – 3.010 (CL; band)
- Jordan Trombley – 3.030 (CL; construction technology)
- Brianna Tyler (chorus)
- Travis Valle – 3.806 (SCL; H7; 4Y; band, English, and science; NHS)
- Daytoi Warr – 3.286 (CL; home economics)
- Leonard Watson (chorus)
- Krysty Williams (JROTC)
- Lela Wilson – 3.155 (CL; JROTC)
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- Travis Ziesmer – 3.416 (CL; H7; 2Y; English and newspaper)

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Mason was born in Oakwood Annapolis Hospital (Wayne, MI) at 11:15 p.m. on Friday, May 30, 2008, weighing in at 6 lbs., 2 oz., and measuring 19 in.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm welcome into the family were his paternal grandparents, Tom Sr. and Diane Kearney (Dearborn Heights, MI); his maternal grandparents, Steve and Sally McDonald (Romulus, MI); his paternal great-grandmother, June Kline (Livonia, MI); and his maternal great-grandparents, Art and Eva McDonald (Romulus). □

50th Anniversary

Art and Eva (Geisler) McDonald



Art and Eva McDonald

Art and Eva McDonald of Romulus, Michigan, commemorated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 7, 2008, with a dinner at Pia's Restorante in Taylor, MI.

The couple was married on June 7, 1958, in the First Baptist Church of Wayne, Michigan.

Art and Eva have two children, Linda (Larry) Maich (Taylor) and Steve (Sally) McDonald (Romulus); four grandchildren, Chelsea, Lindsey, Kimberly, and Keven; and four great-grandchildren, Mason, Isabella, Faedyn, and Travis. □

Obituaries

Lorraine M. Block

Lorraine M. Block of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Monday, June 23, 2008, at the age of 84.

Lorraine – born in Romulus on Sunday, April 6, 1924 – was a gentle soul who never raised her voice to anyone. She did charity work for groups such as the American Red Cross, and also enjoyed taking care of others, performing services like escorting people to their doctors' appointments. Her many interests included reading, working puzzles, gardening, bowling, being an active member of St. Paul United Church of Christ (Taylor, MI), and working with young folks.

Surviving Lorraine are her husband, Fred "Junior" Block; 3 sons, Robin (Abby) Block (Belleville, MI), Brian (Deborah)

Block (Gibraltar, MI), and Stuart Block (Romulus); 2 daughters, Cynthia (Richard) Yuenger (Taylor) and Suzanne (Steve) Kallinger (Appleton, WI); 4 grandchildren; 2 brothers, Robert Mach (Belleville) and Arthur Mach (Wayne, MI); and a sister, Ruth Clark (Wayne).

Among those who preceded her in passing were her parents, John and Eleanor (Sohn) Mach, and 3 brothers, Toot, John, and Theodore Mach.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, June 26, at St. Paul United Church of Christ, with the Reverend Dr. Geoffrey G. Druchas officiating.

Cremation rites will be accorded.

Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

William J. "Bill" McCraight

William J. "Bill" McCraight of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Friday, June 6, 2008, at the age of 61.

Bill – born in Toledo, Ohio, on Tues-

day, June 11, 1946 – worked for Republic Waste Services for 30 years before retiring. He enjoyed classic cars, playing music (bass guitar), fishing, camping, and traveling.

Surviving Bill are his wife, Linda C. (McCarthy) McCraight; his mother, Katherine (Grassel) McCraight (Romulus); 3 daughters, Angela M. DeCant (Romulus), Jamie L. DeCant (Toledo, OH), and Lane L. (Scott) Petri (Plymouth, MI); 5 grandchildren; and 2 sisters, Gloria Schwartz (White Lake, MI) and Sharon (Herbert) McKeever (Lake, MI).

Among those who preceded him in passing was his father, Milton L. McCraight.

A funeral service was held on Monday, June 9, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend William Kren (The Evangelical Church) officiating.

Cremation rites will be accorded.

Memorial tributes to the American Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated by the McCraight family. □



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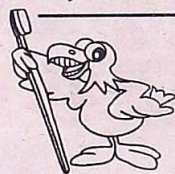
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